

BY: Senator JACOBS

HONORING Rachel Janish upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, honoring the youth of today, and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Rachel Janish upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Janish distinguished herself as a young woman of superlative ability, establishing a high standard of community service, purposefulness of life, and sense of responsibility rarely achieved in youthful years; and

WHEREAS, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, created in 1995 by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), are designed to emphasize the importance our Nation places on service to others, and to encourage all young Americans to contribute to their communities; and

WHEREAS, A Kenmore West High School Senior, Rachel Janish has been honored for her exemplary volunteer service with a certificate of excellence from the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Janish is a member of the Link Crew Student Leaders, where she mentors the youth new to the school; co-coordinator of the Purple Pinkie Project with Kenmore Rotary, to aid the global effort to eradicate polio; and Vice President, Fundraiser and Spirit Coordinator for the Class of 2017; and

WHEREAS, On behalf of the United States President, Rachel Janish is being recognized with the organization's highest honor, the President's Volunteer Service Award; this prestigious award honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to their communities; and

WHEREAS, The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country; award recipients are chosen based upon criteria including personal initiative, creativity, effort, impact and personal growth; and

WHEREAS, The success of the State of New York, the strength of our

communities, and the vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people such as Rachel Janish, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, With her sense of civic duty and commitment to others, Rachel Janish represents the best development of the potential which is inherent in our most precious resources, our youth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations, with praise and pride, to honor Rachel Janish upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rachel Janish.